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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Notification of Defective Response, mailed by the Patent Office on March 10, 2008, which Notification sets a one-month period for response.

Applicants note that the originally filed PCT Application, PCT/JP05/06533, lists SUGANO, Kazuhiro as an inventor. However SUGANO, Kazuhiro was a transliteration error (MPEP § 201.03(b)) in the English language version of the PCT application filed upon entering the national stage in the U.S. in this matter, and should have been listed as KANNO, Kazuhiro. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the executed Declaration, including the name of the inventor, KANNO, Kazuhiro, which was filed in the Office on February 8, 2007, is correct and should be accepted.

Applicants are filing a Supplemental Application Data Sheet concurrently herewith to correct this error.

Respectfully submitted, Hidekatsu IKEDA et al.

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